



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

Issued by the Department of Transportation
on the 25th day of May, 2004

Essential Air Service at

RIVERTON, WYOMING

under 49 U.S.C. 41731 *et seq.*

Served: May 28, 2004

Docket OST-2003-14536

ORDER EXTENDING SERVICE OBLIGATION

Summary

By this order, the Department of Transportation extends the service obligation of Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd. (Great Lakes), at Riverton, Wyoming, for an additional 30 days, through [June 21, 2004](#).¹

Background

On February 19, 2003, Great Lakes filed a 90-day notice of its intent to suspend its unsubsidized service at Riverton, effective May 20, 2003. By Order 2003-4-11, April 15, 2003, the Department prohibited Great Lakes from suspending service beyond the end of its 90-day notice period, through June 20, 2003, and requested proposals, with subsidy if necessary, from carriers interested in providing replacement service. As required by 49 U.S.C. 41734, we have extended Great Lakes' service obligation for additional 30-day periods, the latest through [May 21, 2004](#), by Order [2004-4-6](#).

Because rate negotiations had stalled, we recently reissued a Request for Proposals for four communities in Wyoming, including Riverton. (See Order 2004-2-9.) Although we have received proposals, this case will not be completed by the end of the current hold-in period. Therefore, in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation at Riverton for an additional 30 days, or until suitable replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first.

This order is issued under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.56a(f).

ACCORDINGLY,

1. We require Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd., to maintain essential air service at Riverton, Wyoming, as specified in ordering paragraph three (3) of Order 2003-4-11, for an additional

¹ Since June 20th is a Sunday, this hold-in period will end on Monday, June 21st. (See 14 CFR 302.08.)

30-day period through [June 21, 2004](#), or until suitable replacement service actually begins, whichever occurs first;²

2. We direct Great Lakes to retain all books, records, and other source and summary documentation to support subsidy claims for payment, and to preserve and maintain such documentation in a manner that readily permits its audit and examination by representatives of the Department. Such documentation shall be retained for seven years or until the Department indicates that the records may be destroyed, whichever comes first. Copies of flight logs for aircraft sold or disposed of must be retained. The carrier may forfeit its compensation for any claim that is not supported under the terms of this order;

3. Docket OST-2003-14536, will remain open until further order of the Department; and

4. We will serve a copy of this order on the Mayor and Airport Manager of Riverton, and Great Lakes Aviation.

By:

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² In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 41734(c), we will extend Great Lakes' service obligation for successive 30-day periods, as necessary, until its proposed service actually begins.